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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Temporary Extensions of Federal Programs and Activities

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 began on October 1, 2003 with only three (Legislative Branch, Defense, and Homeland Security) of the 13 FFY 2004 appropriations bills signed into law. Yesterday, the President signed H.J. Res. 69, an FFY 2004 Continuing Resolution (Public Law 108-84), to fund Federal programs and activities that otherwise would not be funded, through October 31, 2003.

In addition, the President is expected to sign into law two other bills which temporarily reauthorize other programs and activities of major County interest that otherwise would have expired at the end of FFY 2003:

- H.R. 3087, which authorizes and funds Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century programs through February 29, 2004.
- H.R. 3146, which authorizes and funds the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Child Care and Development Block Grant programs through March 31, 2004. The bill also extends transitional Medicaid assistance and child welfare waiver authority through that date.

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

The FFY 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations bill (H.R. 2555) was signed into law on October 1, 2003. As previously reported on September 18, 2003, the bill includes the following FFY 2004 funding for programs of County interest:

- \$1.7 billion for the State Homeland Security Grant;
- \$500 million for a new Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant;
- \$725 million for High-Threat Urban Area Grants;
- \$750 million for Firefighting Grants; and
- \$180 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG).

H.R. 2555 provides that State Homeland Security Grants and new Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grants, but not High-Threat Urban Area Grants, be allocated pursuant to Section 1014 of the USA Patriot Act, which requires that each state receive no less than 0.75% of total funding. It also requires states to pass through at least 80% of their grants to local governments. While the bill does not include any statutory changes in any of the allocation formulas, the bill's conference report includes language directing that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) take into account "credible threat levels, presence of critical infrastructure, population, vulnerability, cooperation of multiple jurisdictions in preparing domestic preparedness plans, and the identified needs of public agencies" when determining the allocation of High-Threat Urban Area Grant funds. In comparison, urban area grants were allocated based on threat levels, critical assets, and population density in FFY 2003.

The allowable uses of the new Law Enforcement Prevention Grants include:

- Information sharing to preempt terrorist attacks through structured information collections and sharing;
- Target hardening to reduce vulnerability of selected high value targets;
- Threat recognition to recognize the potential or development of a threat;
- Intervention activities to interdict terrorists before they can execute a threat; and
- Equipment, systems, and personnel costs, including overtime costs that are limited to those specifically relating to homeland security.

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We will continue to keep you advised of any new developments.

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